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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, on the grounds that “[t]here is no support in the originally filed specification for the one laser to do both observing and working.” This claim rejection appears to be based on the Examiner’s interpretation that the claims require that both the observation and working be performed using the same short-pulse laser light.

The Applicants do not concede the Examiner’s interpretation of the claims or specification. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution claims 1, 2, and 12 have been amended to recite that the organic crystal is observed by irradiation with light other than ultraviolet light and is worked by irradiation with ultraviolet short-pulse laser light. The claim amendments are supported by the disclosure at, for example, page 15, lines 4-6; page 20, lines 5-6, page 22, lines 1-5; page 42, line 19, to page 43, line 2; and page 46, lines 15-18; and page 46, line 20, to page 47, line 4.

In view of the amendments to claims 1, 2, and 12, it is respectfully submitted that the claims even more clearly do not require that both the observation and working be performed using

the same short-pulse laser light. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The claims have also been amended to make minor grammatical improvements and to correct minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the claims, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

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